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TO AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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SUBJECT: VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF NIGERIAN FEDERAL CAPITAL
COMMISSION

1. NIGERIAN EMBASSY HAS ASKED DEPARTMENT TO HELP ARRANGE STUDY VISIT TO WASHINGTON OCTOBER 3-4 BY EIGHT-MAN PANEL REPRESENTING THE NEW FEDERAL CAPITAL COMMISSION. WE UNDERSTAND PANEL WILL WANT TO DISCUSS FACTORS WHICH DETERMINED SITING OF FEDERAL CAPITAL IN WASHINGTON, PROBLEMS OF ADMINISTRATION, JURISDICTION, ETC., BUT NIGERIAN EMBASSY UNABLE PROVIDE MANY DETAILS, E.G. WHEN PANEL LEAVES LAGOS, OTHER COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED.

2. DEPT. AND USIA INTEND COOPERATE FULLY. PROGRAM COULD INVOLVE MEETING WITH HISTORIAN CONVERSANT WITH D.C. ORIGINS, OFFICE OR SOCIAL RECEPTION BY D.C. OFFICIALS AND/OR CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES, AND MEETING WITH OFFICIALS WHO COULD PROVIDE INSIGHT INTO PROBLEMS OF A METROPOLITAN AREA WITH MULTIPLE POLITICAL UNITS, BUT BREVITY OF VISIT (ONLY FRIDAY AFTERNOON AND SATURDAY MORNING AVAILABLE FOR APPOINTMENTS) CASTS DOUBT ON HOW MUCH PANEL CAN HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH.

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3. TO FACILITATE PLANNING, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ASAP YOUR COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE LAGOS. WOULD VTR OR OTHER PRE-VISIT PREPARATIONS BE APPROPRIATE?

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